

Revolutionary War Service of Jonathan Tyler, who died in Strafford Vermont in 1828

Jonathan Tyler died in 1828 and is buried Strafford, Orange County Vermont. The Vermont State Revolutionary War Veterans Burial Record for Jonathan Tyler states that he served in Col. Warner's Regiment in 1779. Other Vermont records show a Jonathan Tyler who served in Captain Parmalee Allen's Company of Rangers in 1779. Examination of the available evidence will enable a conclusion to be reached as to the service of Jonathan Tyler of Strafford Vermont.

An image of the Vermont Burial Card for Jonathan Tyler is shown below:¹

GRAVES REGISTRATION		Rev. War.
Name	Tyler, Jonathan	Serial No.
Last Address		
Next of Kin	Address	
Born	At	
Died	June 8, 1828	At Cause
Buried	At Robinson	Cemetery
City	Strafford, Vt.	County Orange
Grave No.	10	Lot. No. Row 20 Block Section
Service Record:	Enlisted Feb. 12, 1779	At
Discharged	At	Rank Priv.
Organization	Inf. Capt. Livermords Co. Col. Warner's Regt.	
Remarks	Upright Marker: "Jonathan Tyler died June 8, 1828 aged 84 years."	
Gov't Headstone?	Desired?	Org. Marker?
AGO VT Form No. 41—10,000		(over)

¹ Vermont, Revolutionary War Veterans Grave Records, Jonathan Tyler, died June 8, 1828, burial Robinson Cemetery, Strafford, VT, upright marker, inscription: "Jonathan Tyler, died June 8, 1828, aged 84 years; Service: enlisted February 12, 1779, Captain Livermord's Company, Col Warner's Regiment, Colchester VT: National Guard Museum, Revolutionary War Cards _Rev War Box _ca. 1 Jan 1765—ca. 31 Dec 1783, image 2407 of 2839, www.familysearch.org.

There is no Captain Livermore found in Vermont during the Revolutionary War.

There was a Captain Joseph Livermore of the Worcester MA Militia who was with the guards in Rutland, Worcester County MA on a roll dated August 2, 1779.² There is also a Captain Joseph Livermore who served during the War of 1812. He was born in 1789 and died in 1887.³ He is buried in Hartland, Windsor County Vermont.⁴ There are 7 men named Jonathan Taylor who service in various militia units in Massachusetts during the Revolutionary War. None of them served under Captain Livermore.⁵

There was a Jonathan Tyler who allegedly served in Captain Satterly's Company of Col. Seth Warner's Company of the Green Mountain Boys. This Jonathan Tyler lived in Erie County NY in 1824 when he began receiving his pension. The declaration of Jonathan Tyler, age 56, dated October 6, 1824, given at Erie County PA, states that he enlisted in Col. Warner's Regiment at Piermont New Hampshire in April 1776. He claimed that he was stationed at Fort Ticonderoga NY in 1776 and that in 1777 he was taken prisoner at Hubbardston after being wounded in the leg, and that he was a prisoner about 14 months.

A letter in Jonathan Tyler's pension file dated March 22, 1825 refers to the request of the pension certificate holder Jonathan Tyler to be moved to the Vermont pension roll. The

² Massachusetts, Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War, Joseph Livermore, page 889.

³ Vermont, Veterans Burial Records, Captain Joseph Livermore, service War of 1812, died November 9, 1887, burial The Plains Cemetery, Hartland Vermont, Vermont, U.S., Veteran Burial Records, 1776-1980 Vermont State Archives & Records Administration Montpelier, VT.

⁴ FindaGrave Memorial, Joseph Almer Livermore, died November 9, 1887, burial The Plains Cemetery, Hartland, Windsor County Vermont, www.findagrave.com.

⁵ Massachusetts, Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War, Jonathan Tyler, page 236.

pension certificate holder claimed that his real name was John McConnell and that he had served under the name Jonathan Taylor. His pension was suspended upon suspicion of fraud, and John McConnell died June 3, 1826.⁶

No evidence has been found to validate the information on the Vermont Burial Card regarding the service of Jonathan Tyler. There are however service records for Jonathan Tyler in Vermont that bear some similarities.

The service record compiled by the National Archives shows Jonathan Tyler's service in Col. Warner's Regiment as follows:⁷

- Return of Men recruited by Captain William McCune, Jonathan Tyler, enlisted at Bennington December 2, 1776, 3 year term, joined May 2, 1777, paid subsistence of 26 and 60/90 dollars for 20 weeks, 20 dollars for bounty.
- Muster Roll, Captain McCun's Company, dated June 10, 1777, period September 14 1776 to June 14, 1777, Jonathan Tyler sick in Camp.
- Muster Roll, Captain McCun's Company, dated Saratoga November 10, 1777, period of July 5 to November 10, 1777, Jonathan Tyler enlisted December 2, 1776 for 3 years, take prisoner July 7.

⁶ U.S., Case Files of Pension and Land Warrant Applications based on Revolutionary War Service, pension # S.42561, Veteran Jonathan Tyler, service Continental Green Mountain Boys, NARA publication M804, roll 2432, NARA catalog ID 30022, record group 15,

⁷ U.S., Compiled Service Records of Soldiers Who Served in the American Revolution, Jonathan Tyler, Private, Col Warner's Regiment, Vermont, NARA Series M881, Roll 130, film 008204634, images 1330 – 1335 of 1758.

- Muster Roll, Captain McCun's Company, dated Bennington April 20, 1778, period of November 10 to April 20, 1778, Col Warner's Regiment, Jonathan Tyler, Private, deserted January 13, 1778.
- Account of Money Due to Officers and Soldier in Col. Warner's Regiment on account of a deficiency of ration for the period July 14, 1777 to January 25, 1778, Jonathan Tyler paid £20.4.4.

Based on this service record, the service of Jonathan Tyler in Warner's Regiment would not be considered honorable because the most recent dated record for his service is desertion. However, there is another service record for Jonathan Tyler in Vermont.

The service of Jonathan Tyler in the published record of Vermont Soldiers in the Revolutionary War states his service as being in Captain Parmalee Allen's Company of Rangers in the period August 1, 1779 through October 1780.⁸ It is possible that this was the same Jonathan Tyler who served in Captain McCune's Company of Warner's Regiment. Since the service in Captain Parmalee's Company was after his desertion from Warner's Regiment, this service would qualify him as honorable. In either case, his service in Parmalee's Company is certainly honorable bas on the existing records.

Jonathan Tyler in Strafford, Orange County Vermont

Evidence found:

⁸ Goodrich, John E., ed., The State of Vermont, Rolls of Soldiers in the Revolutionary War, 1775 – 1783, Rutland, The Tuttle Company, 1904, pages 135, 137-8, and 322-3.

- Jonathan Tyler's name appears in a 1799 deed as a member of a Baptist Church congregation in Strafford VT.⁹
- On June 11, 1815 in Sharon VT, Jonathan Tyler of Strafford VT married Alice Spaulding of Sharon VT. The couple was married by minister Abel Burk.¹⁰
- The 1857 death record of Darius Tyler, age 84 of Sharon VT identifies his parents as Jonathan and Hannah Tyler.¹¹
- The gravestone of Jonathan Tyler in Robinson Cemetery, Strafford Vermont contains this inscription: "Jonathan Tyler died June 8, 1828 age 84 years Hannah wife of J. Tyler died Dec 9 1812 age 76 years"¹²
- The grave of Darius Tyler is located in Robinson Cemetery. The inscription on his headstone reads "Darius Tyler, died May 21, 1857, age 83".¹³
- The Sons of the American Revolution Application of Willard I. Tyler Brigham claims descent from Jonathan Tyler through his son Job Tyler. This application states that Jonathan Tyler's service was in Captain Parmalee Allen's Rangers in 1779 and Col

⁹ Vermont, Strafford, Deeds Volume 1, 1795 - 1801, page 307, January 1, 1799, deed of Herman Brown to Moses Brown et al, members of the Baptist Church, land in Strafford, film 28901, image 174 of 875, www.familysearch.org.

¹⁰ Vermont, Sharon, Vital Records, 1768 – 1820, page 132, marriage of Jonathan Tyler of Strafford and Alice Spaulding of Sharon, June 11, 1815, married by minister Abel Burk, film 28906, image 80 of 144, www.familysearch.org.

¹¹ Vermont, Death Records, death of Darius Tyler of Sharon VT, age 84, widower, died May 21, 1857, New England Historic Genealogical Society; Boston, Massachusetts; State of Vermont. Vermont Vital Records through 1870, image 1472 of 3653.

¹² FindaGrave Memorial, Jonathan Tyler, died June 8, 1828, age 84 years, Hannah, wife of J. Tyler, died Dec 9, 1812, age 76 years, burial Robinson Cemetery, Strafford VT, www.findagrave.com.

¹³ FindaGrave Memorial, Darius Tyler, died May 21, 1857, age 83 years, Hannah, burial Robinson Cemetery, Strafford VT, www.findagrave.com.

Ebenezer Allen's detachment in 1780. It further stated in the application that

Jonathan Tyler's wife was Honora Hatch, and that they lived in Hartland Vermont.¹⁴

Evidence for Jonathan Tyler in Hartland Vermont

- On October 30, 1782, Jonathan Tyler of Hartland, Windsor County Vermont Yeoman sold land in Hartland to Herman Hatch of Willington, Hartford County Connecticut.¹⁵

Evidence for Jonathan Tyler and his Family in Willington Connecticut

- Jonathan Tyler was born April 12, 1744 in Willington Connecticut to parents Dorothy and William Tyler.¹⁶
- Jonathan Tyler married Onner Hatch April 12, 1764 in Willington CT.¹⁷
- Honor Hatch was born March 16, 1745 in Tolland CT to parents Justus and Abigail Hatch.¹⁸

¹⁴ Illinois Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Application for Membership, Willard I. Tyler Brigham, dated November 17, 189_, Volume 63, images 243-4 of 467, www.ancestry.com.

¹⁵ Vermont, Hartland, Land Records, 1778-1789, page 130, October 30, 1782, deed of Jonathan Taylor of Hartland to Herman Hatch of Willington, Hartford County Connecticut, land in Hartland, film 28347, image 388 of 582, www.familysearch.org.

¹⁶ Connecticut, Town Birth Records, pre-1870 (Barbour Collection), birth of Jonathan Tyler, April 12, 1744, Willington CT, parents William and Dorothy Tyler, Genealogical Publishing Co.; Baltimore, Maryland, USA; The Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records. Vol. 1-55; Author: White, Lorraine Cook, Ed.; Publication Date: 1994-2002; Volume: 51, page 217.

¹⁷ Connecticut, Town Marriage Records, pre-1870 (Barbour Collection), marriage of Jonathan Tyler, and Onner Hatch, April 12, 1764, Willington CT, , Genealogical Publishing Co.; Baltimore, Maryland, USA; The Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records. Vol. 1-55; Author: White, Lorraine Cook, Ed.; Publication Date: 1994-2002; Volume: 51, page 217.

¹⁸ Connecticut, Town Birth Records, pre-1870 (Barbour Collection), birth of Honor Hatch, March 16, 1745, Tolland CT, parents Justus and Abigail Hatch, Genealogical Publishing Co.; Baltimore, Maryland, USA; The Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records. Vol. 1-55; Author: White, Lorraine Cook, Ed.; Publication Date: 1994-2002; Volume: 44, page 257.

- Job Tyler was born April 14, 1765 in Willington CT to parents Jonathan and Enner Tyler.¹⁹

Analysis and Conclusion

The Vermont Burial Record is clearly inaccurate based on the evidence that there was no Captain Livermore in Vermont. The confusion likely results from one or both records of 2 men named Joseph Livermore who served as Captains. Neither could have been Jonathan Tyler's company commander in the Revolutionary War.

The Jonathan Tyler who served in Captain Satterly's Company of Col. Warner's Regiment did not have honorable service, so he would not qualify for honors as a Revolutionary War veteran. In addition, there was apparently pension fraud committed based on his service record in Col. Warner's Regiment.

The only Vermont service that could belong to Jonathan Tyler was the service in Parmalee Allen's Company in 1779 and 1780. The SAR application uses this service, and the son of Jonathan Tyler, Job Tyler, who was used in this application's line of descent, is a documented son of Jonathan and Honor/Hannah Tyler. Another son, Darius Tyler, is buried in the same cemetery with his parents in Strafford VT. The evidence found supports the conclusion that Jonathan Tyler who died in Strafford Vermont in 1828 was the Revolutionary soldier who served in Parmalee Allen's Company in 1779 and 1780.

¹⁹ Connecticut, Town Birth Records, pre-1870 (Barbour Collection), birth of Job Tyler, April 14, 1765, Willington CT, parents Jonathan and Enner Tyler, Genealogical Publishing Co.; Baltimore, Maryland, USA; The Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records. Vol. 1-55; Author: White, Lorraine Cook, Ed.; Publication Date: 1994-2002; Volume: 51, page 217.